

would look very strange & favour not a little
 of injustice to take of what is given for the support
 of his ship & give it to the Master
 of the ship, And as for all the other good employ'd
 in the Fleet who are the Representatives
 of the people & are not at all bound
 to the people of this Province, nor any way
 oblig'd by reason of the great trouble the
 Secretary is at in his frequent going aboard
 to respect his duty in doing his duty w^{ch}
 by his Office he stands oblig'd too, therefore
 if the Fleet which this house presented to the
 House were entitled an Act for addition to
 or amendment of that Act for the Secretary's fees
 may not pass. This desire of the Fleet made last
 Assembly may continue & remain in force as it
 is without any Amendment or Alteration.

After reading of these reasons the opinion of
 the Major part of the house was, that the Act for
 the Secretary's fees above mentioned ought
 not to pass.

The house adjourned for 2 hours.
 And the house met again & adjourned till
 the next day at 12 o'clock.

Oct 3^d
 Present as yesterday except M. Currier
 The House presented to the House to be
 known what they had done concerning the
 or drawing up reasons why they would not
 to it, if they had not consented, that they were
 and more they had drawn up reasons & read them
 up in answer to the petition. And all by
 him to be sent to the Lord Proprietor. And that if the
 Gentlemen were all pleased he might show them by
 house, but sent not the reasons.
 And the house adjourned till the next day
 following.